

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

SUWALA ET AL.

Group Art Unit: 2616

Application No. 10/790,946

Examiner: ALIA, Curtis A

Confirmation No. 2173

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For: Hierarchical Protection Switching  
Framework

**AMENDMENT A**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Office action dated October 9, 2007, and the references cited have been fully considered. In response, please enter the amendments and consider the remarks presented herein. Reconsideration and/or further prosecution of the application is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.